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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:)
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Richard L. Bertram) Group Art Unit: 1772
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Serial No.: 09/097,221) Atty. Docket: 6337.1024
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Filing Date: June 12, 1998)
) Examiner: Sandra M. Nolan
Title: INTEGRATED COMPOSITE)
STRUCTURAL CONDUIT)
FORMED IN PLACE)

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C.
U.S.A. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

In response to the Office Action of August 27, 2003,
Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the
following amendments and remarks.